

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-156 (canceled).

Claims 157-191 (canceled).

Claim 192 (previously presented): A method of communicating information, from a calling party using a telephone connected to a telephone network that automatically provides caller identification information, to a called party having a portable communication device that is pageable by a paging network in communication with a telephone answering apparatus, such telephone answering apparatus in communication with the telephone network, the method comprising:

receiving at the telephone answering apparatus caller identification information, pertinent to the telephone of the calling party, provided automatically by the telephone network;

transmitting the caller identification information from the telephone answering device to the paging network; and

transmitting the caller identification information from the paging network to the portable communication device.

Claim 193 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, wherein the telephone answering apparatus is connected to the paging network and the caller identification information is transmitted from the telephone answering apparatus to the paging network over a direct connection.

Claim 194 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, wherein the caller identification information comprises numeric data.

Claim 195 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, wherein the caller identification information comprises alphanumeric data.

Claim 196 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, wherein the caller identification information is provided as FSK data.

Claim 197 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, wherein the caller identification information is provided from an ISDN connection.

Claim 198 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
obtaining verification from the calling party prior to transmitting the caller identification information to the paging network.

Claim 199 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
obtaining optional data from the calling party prior to transmitting the caller identification information to the paging network;
transmitting the optional data from the telephone answering device to the paging network; and
transmitting the optional data from the paging network to the portable communication device.

Claim 200 (previously presented): The method of claim 199, wherein the optional data comprises at least one of a voice, video, image or textual message.

Claim 201 (previously presented): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
compressing the optional data prior to transmission of the optional data to the portable communication device.

Claim 202 (previously presented): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
encrypting the optional data prior to transmission of the optional data to the portable communication device.

Claim 203 (previously presented): The method of claim 199, wherein the optional data is comprised of a voice or video message which is transmitted to the portable communication device with the caller identification information.

Claim 204 (previously presented): The method of claim 203, wherein the optional data is compressed prior to transmission to the portable communication device.

Claim 205 (previously presented): The method of claim 203, wherein the optional data is encrypted prior to transmission to the portable communication device.

Claim 206 (previously presented): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information and the optional data in contiguous memory locations in the portable communication device.

Claim 207 (previously presented): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information and the optional data in associated non-contiguous memory locations in the portable communication device.

Claim 208 (previously presented): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
comparing the received caller identification information with information stored in an associated memory to the telephone answering apparatus; and
selectively transmitting the caller identification information to the paging network as a result of the comparison.

Claim 209 (previously presented): The method of claim 208, wherein the caller identification information is transmitted to the paging network only if the received caller identification information matches an entry in the associated memory.

Claim 210 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
at the portable communication device, annunciating the caller identification information.

Claim 211 (previously presented): The method of claim 210, further comprising:
simultaneously displaying the caller identification data on a display of the
portable communication device.

Claim 212 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information within the portable communication
device; and
initiating a new connection over the telephone network by transmitting the stored
caller identification data to the telephone network.

Claim 213 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information within the portable communication
device; and
initiating a new connection over a cellular telephone network by transmitting the
stored caller identification data to the cellular telephone network.

Claim 214 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, wherein the telephone
network is a cellular communication network and the portable communication device
comprises a combined cellular telephone device and pager device.

Claim 215 (previously presented): The method of claim 214, wherein the paging
network transmits the caller identification information to the portable communication
device utilizing the cellular communication network.

Claim 216 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
indicating to the called party that a message has been received;
accepting a password entered by the called party into the portable communication
device; and
providing voice signals representative of the caller identification data to the called
party only upon entry of a valid password.

Claim 217 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, wherein the portable communication device comprises a portable computing device having radio communications capabilities.

Claim 218 (previously presented): The method of claim 217, wherein the portable computing device comprises a personal digital assistant.

Claim 219 (previously presented): The method of claim 217, wherein the portable computing device has two-way radio communications capabilities.

Claim 220 (previously presented): The method of claim 192, further comprising:
applying the caller identification information to a voice synthesizer unit to generate voice signals representative of the caller identification information at the portable communication device.

Claim 221 (previously presented): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information and the optional data in contiguous memory locations by the telephone answering apparatus.

Claim 222 (previously presented): The method of claim 199, further comprising:
storing the caller identification information and the optional data in associated non-contiguous memory locations by the telephone answering apparatus.